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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works, in his capacity of Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to submit applications to the California Department of Water Resources for the Local Groundwater Assistance Program.
2. Approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy by authorizing the Director of Public Works, in his capacity of Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or his designee, to conduct business with the California Department of Water Resources on any and all matters related to the grant, including executing grant agreements and signing requests for disbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 was enacted to provide grants to local agencies to conduct groundwater studies or to carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities. The California Department of Water Resources has approximately \$5 million in funding for eligible projects for Fiscal Year 2003-04. Grant applications for the Grant Program are due by January 28, 2004. Funds are to be awarded to assist local public agencies in managing groundwater resources.

Public Works is currently preparing applications to request a maximum of \$250,000 for each of the following projects:

- Alamitos Seawater Barrier Project Telemetry System Construction
- Sun Valley Park Multiuse Project Groundwater Monitoring Pilot Project

The County's Grant Policy requires that your Board execute agreements with other agencies. We are asking your Board to approve an exception to this Policy by authorizing the Director of Public Works, in his capacity of Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to conduct business with the California Department of Water Resources on any and all matters related to the Grant Program. This exception is necessary in order to meet the grant application schedule requirements of the funding agency. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to this requirement.

Implementation of Strategic Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since improved management of regional groundwater resources will benefit the population that relies on them. This action also meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility since this grant will leverage County funds with funds provided by the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Grant Program provides financing for eligible projects that will improve groundwater management activities. The projects to be administered under the Grant Program, should they be selected by the California Department of Water Resources, will be included in the Flood Control District's annual budget. The Flood Control District will provide a matching contribution for the successful project application.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

If either of the grant applications are successful, Public Works will return to the Board for acceptance of the funds and to request an appropriation of the matching contribution from Flood Control District funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Adoption of the enclosed Resolution does not constitute a "project," nor the approval of a "project," pursuant to Section 301 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. Consequently, the proposed action is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The appropriate environmental document or finding of categorical exemption will be prepared for each individual project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no adverse impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Enclosed are four copies of the Resolution. Upon approval, please return three signed copies of the Resolution along with three approved copies of this letter to Public Works. The remaining copy is for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office, County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING
WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, and Coastal and Beach Protection Bond Act of 2002, which provides funds to the Local Groundwater Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the California Department of Water Resources require the applicant to certify by resolution the designation of an authorized representative to file an application and enter into an agreement for a grant, if the applicant is selected for a grant award or awards, before submission of said application to the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors certifies through this Resolution that the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, hereinafter referred to as the "FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT" is authorized to submit applications for grant funds under the program; and

WHEREAS, if the FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT is selected for a grant award or awards, the Chief Engineer of the FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, or his designee, will enter into an agreement with the State of California for the performance of the project or projects as described in the application or applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filing of applications for local assistance funds from the Local Groundwater Assistance Program under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, and Coastal and Beach Protection Bond Act of 2002; and
2. Approves an exception to the County's Grants Policy and authorizes the Chief Engineer of the FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, or his designee, to conduct business with the California Department of Water Resources on any and all matters related to grant.

The foregoing Resolution was on the ___ day of _____, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy